


ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

October 4, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3 OF THE 2004 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: October 4, 2004, 3PM - The state averaged 6.8 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 51% very short, 40% short, and 9% adequate. Hot, dry conditions across the state have been good for row crop harvest but bad for pastures.

CROPS: With early season beans almost completely harvested, producers are waiting for the late season varieties to mature. Later season beans are still requiring irrigation because of current dry conditions. Cotton harvest is well underway across the state. Still, some producers are continuing to apply defoliate. As corn, sorghum, and rice harvest winds down, many producers are beginning to prepare fields for next season. Dry weather conditions continue to delay winter wheat plantings.

LIVESTOCK: Major livestock activities for the week included marketing calves and culling cows. Hay and pastures continued to suffer this week due to lack of rainfall.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN Harvested									
	99	98	98	98					
SOYBEANS Yellowing Shedding Matured Harvested					1	7	23	44	25
	85	73	71	64					
	70	57	48	58					
	56	45	34	n/a					
	43	33	24	23					
SORGHUM Harvested									
	92	90	91	94					
COTTON Open Bolls Harvested					0	4	21	43	32
	94	90	86	94					
	28	8	19	29					
RICE Harvested									
	85	73	82	83					
WHEAT Planted Emerged									
	5	4	10	5					
	0	0	3	1					
HAY - OTHER					13	29	30	22	6
HAY-ALFALFA					11	16	41	32	0
PASTURE & RANGE					19	30	34	13	4

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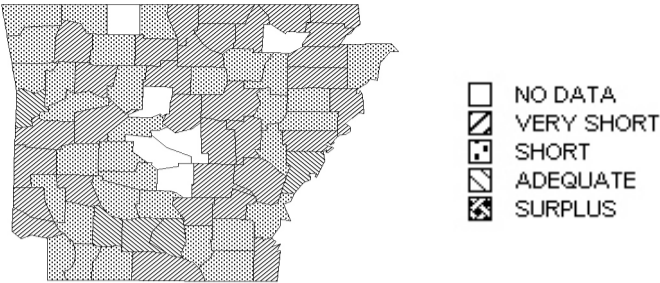
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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 3, 2004. Temperatures were above normal in some parts of the state and below normal in others. Small amount of rainfall in a few areas of the state. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 91^o and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 33^o. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.38 inches at Fayetteville to 0.00 inches at many reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 3, 2004

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING OCT 3	CURR SEP ACCUM.	SEP NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2004	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	82	42	-1	0.38	0.91	4.83	34.82	29.51
Harrison	84	40	-1	0.00	0.11	4.03	26.71	29.08
2 Calico Rock	87	36	-1	0.00	0.00	4.08	27.49	29.37
Gilbert	85	33	-3	0.04	0.04	3.73	29.23	28.60
Greers Ferry	85	44	-1	0.00	0.67	4.10	34.04	32.15
Mountain Home	85	44	0	0.30	0.33	4.33	32.83	28.51
3 Batesville	87	41	-1	0.00	0.02	3.58	34.94	30.45
Jonesboro	84	46	0	0.01	0.04	3.12	34.09	29.90
Keiser	86	41	-3	0.00	0.04	3.65	35.63	33.10
Newport	84	45	-2	0.00	0.08	3.49	28.49	31.37
4 Booneville	84	51	0	0.05	0.56	4.04	30.22	30.50
Clarksville	85	48	2	0.00	0.22	3.88	38.28	29.53
Dardanelle	87	43	1	0.00	0.01	3.56	27.52	31.18
Ft. Smith	88	50	1	0.08	0.35	3.61	34.55	28.13
Mena	85	51	2	0.16	0.21	5.07	34.35	36.74
Ozark	83	50	-1	0.02	1.37	3.70	36.56	28.63
5 Conway	85	43	-1	0.00	0.07	3.71	29.55	30.90
Hot Springs	87	47	-1	0.00	0.30	4.05	37.24	36.94
Little Rock	87	48	1	0.00	0.51	3.71	33.56	32.53
N Little Rock	85	50	-1	0.00	0.34	3.53	31.74	31.58
6 Brinkley	85	46	-2	0.11	0.11	3.02	31.65	33.08
Marianna	84	46	-3	0.00	0.14	3.16	33.86	35.21
Stuttgart	89	43	-1	0.00	0.02	2.86	39.71	39.71
7 Hope	86	53	3	0.00	1.51	4.06	34.91	34.94
Texarkana	86	56	1	0.00	1.77	3.40	30.51	29.94
8 Camden	85	53	0	0.00	0.88	3.60	42.63	34.72
El Dorado	86	55	1	0.00	0.45	3.29	47.46	36.89
Warren	87	52	1	0.00	0.43	3.71	49.83	36.68
9 Eudora	91	53	1	0.00	0.07	2.71	42.00	38.85
Pine Bluff	87	46	-1	0.00	0.17	3.20	38.83	34.51
Rohwer	89	49	-1	0.00	0.05	2.91	37.36	34.70